

#### **IV. Remarks**

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. The specification and claims 1, 5, 9 and 10 have been amended. The above amendments and the following remarks are provided to facilitate early allowance of the currently claimed subject matter. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks and above amendments is respectfully requested.

By this Amendment, the specification has been amended to clarify the claimed features. Applicant submits that the original specification provides antecedent basis for the current amendments and no new matter has been added. Specifically, for example, on page 12, lines 7-10, the original specification discloses that the amount of time a resource has been used is determined “by comparing the present time with the beginning time” (line 9), which provides antecedent basis that the amount of time may be an accumulation of periods used for multiple transactions (activities).

Applicant respectfully submits that the application as presented is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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